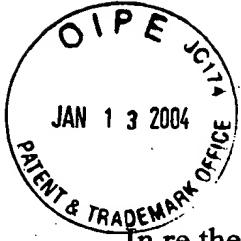


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 2.**